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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Margaret Minton

As we begin another month of on-line meetings, I am so thankful that technology allows us to be in touch with our quilting community. We can still enjoy looking at what others are working on, still chat about our current projects and interests, still share our concerns with each other. For a society in semi-lock-down, that's pretty great!

Looking ahead, however, we are hoping that it will soon be possible to meet in person, and hold an in-person quilt show in 2022. After all, we have lots of time at home in our sewing rooms to complete some pretty wonderful quilts.

We have had one individual express an interest in assuming some responsibility for running the show, but she needs help. Please consider what you might be able to do in this regard and speak up. We do need your assistance. I am confident that, when the job needs to be done, there will be a volunteer for it - but I'd like to hear that sooner rather than later.

Hope you are all staying safe.

www.photobucket.com/albums/w517/FCQuilters

LOVE QUILTS

From Sue Andrews and Sue Leicht

We're happy to report that over 200 quilts were donated to various groups in 2020. Many thanks to guild members for all of your hard work in this effort!

TOTAL NUMBER OF LOVE QUILTS DONATED IN 2020

Charity	Date	# WC	#Small	#Medium	#Large	Total
HopeWorks	9/14/2020				20	20
Bridges to Housing	9/21/2020		10		10	20
Grassroots	9/24/2020		9	1	1	11
Loan Closet	9/17/2020	5				5
Loan Closet	9/23/2020	9				9
Cool Kids	10/05/2020		10			10
Grassroots	10/12/2020			1	19	20
Loan Closet	10/24/2020			1		1
Grassroots	10/26/2020				10	10
Veterans at Charlotte Hall	11/17/2020	5	45			50
Loan Closet	11/17/2020			20		20
HoCo Department of Aging for Holiday Project	12/1/2020	7		27	6	40
Bridges to Housing	12/21/2020		20			20
Total		26	94	50	66	236



COOL KIDS CAMPAIGN SPRING EVENT

From Sue Andrews and Sue Leicht

The Cool Kids Spring Quilt Project is well under way in the guild! Cool Kids Campaign (www.coolkidscampaign.org), based in Towson, MD, provides individual custom care packages to children newly diagnosed with cancer. The Baltimore chapter is planning a drive through spring event for their kids at the end of March; Faithful Circle has been asked to provide small quilts or soft animals like bunnies to fill the baskets that will be given to the children.

Children-themed quilt kits, labelled "Cool Kids", are available in the church bin or can be delivered to your door. We currently have two types:

- (6 by 9) 6" squares for a total of 54 squares with final measurement of 33" x 51"
- (5 by 7) 8" squares for a total of 35 squares with final measurement of 37" x 52"

If you'd prefer to donate quilts, acceptable sizes are from 12" by 12" up to 44" by 52". Children range in age from infant to teen with most being between 6 and 12 years of age.

Please give completed quilt tops, quilts and any soft animals to **SUE ANDREWS** or **SUE LEICHT** by **March 8**.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), with a local chapter in Howard County, builds and donates twin size bunk beds to children in need. We currently have the large size (designed for a twin), children themed kits in the church bin for this project. SHP will begin building again this spring and we will be able to provide more information at that time.

LOVE QUILT INVENTORY RESTOCKED

We have restocked our Love Quilt inventory! We now have large, medium and small quilt kits, backs for all sizes, batting and stacks of 6" and 8" squares. We were able to do this due to the generous donations of fabric, kits and cut squares from guild members as well as from the outside community.

We would be happy to accept any of the following:

- Cotton fabric especially youth themed
- Batting (we can piece any leftover pieces together for small batts)

Sue and I are happy to answer any questions, deliver, or pick up items (sueleicht@verizon.net, mhaspa@juno.com)

HOWARD COUNTY LOAN CLOSET

From Sandy Reading

The Howard County Loan Closet loans medical equipment to any Howard County Resident at no cost. I know of numerous friends, neighbors and guild members who have used this valuable service. Our Love Quilt Committee has been donating quilts (various sizes including now wheelchair size). Our Helping Hands Committee has donated hundreds of walker bags. These are greatly appreciated especially by the physical therapists who do home visits. This year we also provided quilts for the Holiday bags through the Loan Closet to the Department of Aging for those in need. These quilts were from our Love Quilt Committee and those designated from our quilt show. Below is a link to a virtual tour video the Loan Closet recently released showing their facilities, but it also acknowledges our guild (along with pictures).

<https://youtu.be/pC7bJAzRB3A>

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

From Linda Kerrick

Mon. Feb. 1 and Thurs. Feb. 4	Demo and/or Sit and Sew
Mon. Feb. 8 and Thurs. Feb. 11	Valentines Quilts—hearts, love, etc.
Mon. Feb. 15 and Thurs. Feb. 18	Sit and Sew
Mon. Feb. 22 and Thurs. Feb. 25	Bingo—stay tuned for more details.

EDUCATION INFORMATION

From Maria O'Haver

Join us virtually on Zoom to relax with your quilting friends and visit while you work on a hand or machine sewing project. Monday and Thursday meetings the first week of the month will feature a short demo by one of our members.

If you'd like to do a short informal demo on any topic of interest or have a suggestion for a topic you'd like to learn more about, contact **MARIA O'HAYER**.

Monday and Thursday meetings, the third week of the month, will be open sewing and visiting time. Join us for part or all of the meetings, as you are available.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP WITH PHYLLIS CULLEN

From Maria O'Haver

Join your FCQ friends for a fun virtual workshop from the comfort of your own sewing space. We will have a live virtual workshop with Phyllis in two parts. Part I is on Saturday January 30, 2021 from 2pm - 5pm and Part II is on Saturday February 6, 2021 from 2pm - 5pm. The cost for both is \$30.

Use one of Phyllis' stained-glass patterns or create your own. You will then make a raw-edge fusible, appliquéd and quilted piece that not only looks like real stained glass but requires no fussy edge treatments, no bias tape, no fussy quilting, and is quick, easy, and fun!

Then we add some optional oil stick painting, and optional applique, or optional embellishment, and quilt either free motion or walking foot. This class is appropriate for beginners, who will learn basic free-motion quilting as well. Full handout and supply list will be emailed to registered participants well in advance, as well as the pattern of their choice from these shown or one from my website gallery.

<http://phylliscullenartstudio.com/collections/63660>

Six hours of classes are divided into two 3 hour sessions, so everyone can catch up and learn the optional part and the free motion quilting.

Registration is open now on our FCQ Education Website with secure payment via credit card

<https://faithful-circle-quilters.square.site/>



VIRTUAL LECTURE WITH HOLLIS CHATELAIN "INFLUENCES OF AFRICA"

From Maria O'Haver

At our regular 11:00am meeting on February 25, 2021 we will be welcoming Hollis Chatelain virtually, for a one hour lecture.

Hollis Chatelain is an internationally renowned, and award-winning, artist. Through a dynamic and characteristic style marked by dreamlike imagery, elaborate use of color, and intricate thread detail, Hollis creates unique compositions that address challenging social, environmental, and political themes. Her work is found in public and private collections all around the world.

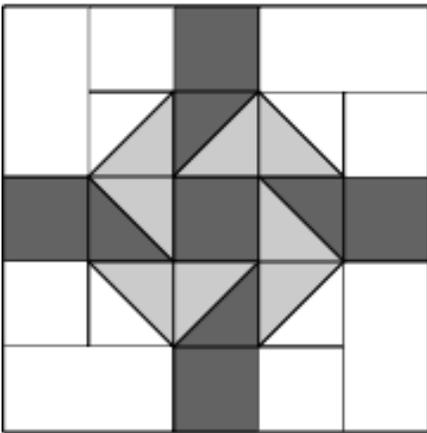
Leaving the USA with the Peace Corps, just after college, and living 12 years in West Africa has had a major impact on her artwork. During this lecture, using large quilts and photos of her work and her life in Africa, Hollis will lead the audience on a voyage starting with her discovery of African cloth through the evolution of her artwork. <https://www.hollisart.com/>



FEBRUARY BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Blue Yukon

Drafted by Linda H. Schiffer



In honor of crystalline winter night skies, make this 10" (finished) block using deep navy and richly colored blue fabrics on a white or gray background print.

Please leave your blocks (labeled on the front if you wish to be in the drawing) in the FCQ bin at our meeting site or mail them to me (see directory). I will draw a winner during the first meeting in February.

Fabrics:

Choose rich prints (maybe with stars or snowflakes?): one dark navy, one rich blue - brighter enough for good contrast - and a background print in white-one-white or soft gray. You could use different tone-on-tone prints for each section of the block if you want to work with scraps.

Cutting Instructions:

From navy print - cut Five 2.5" squares, Two 3" squares

From saturated blue print - cut Four 3" squares

From white or gray background print - cut Four 2.5" squares, Two 3" squares and Four 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles

Assembly:

1. Mark the wrong side of your two 3" background prints with diagonal line. Pair with two 3" blue squares. Sew 1/4" along each side of marked line and cut on diagonal to yield four half square triangles. Trim four hst units to 2.5" square.

2. Mark the wrong side of two remaining blue 3" squares with diagonal line. Pair with two navy 3" squares and sew along both sides of marked line then cut apart on the diagonal. Trim resulting four hst units to 2.5" square.

3. Lay out all fabric units as shown in diagram above. Sew together to result in a 10.5" (unfinished) square. Press nicely and label with your name (on front for a chance in the drawing). Mail to me or leave in FCQ bin at the church.

This block can make a number of different quilt layouts that represent the beautiful night skies of winter.

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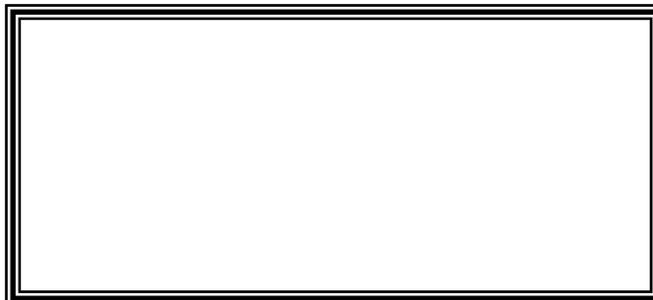
We meet Monday evenings
from 7 to 9 pm

AND

Thursday mornings
from 10 am to 2 pm

At the
First Presbyterian
Church on
Rt. 108 at Rt. 29
Columbia, MD

Please come join us and
visit our web site at
www.fairfulcirclequilters.com



Betty Kilroy's February Birthday Party

- 06 Barbara Bennett
- 08 Paula Henry
- 08 Janet C. O'Leary
- 09 Jane Preston
- 11 Deborah Kinsey
- 13 Karen Kaiser
- 13 Deb Simon
- 17 Sue Scott
- 19 Peg McClelland
- 21 Eleanor Fabiszak
- 21 Catherine Blacka
- 24 Lynda Gaidis
- 24 Sue Haynie
- 24 Adeline B. Rieger
- 28 Jonnifer Lennon
- 28 Cathy Oliver

CALENDAR

ONLINE MEETINGS

- Mon. Feb. 1 - Demo and/or Sit and Sew
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